

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please **AMEND** claims 1-7 as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) Flexible protective corrugated tube (1) comprising at least two different yarns and a plurality of larger diameter zones (2) and smaller diameter zones (3) which are alternated along the length of the tube (1), ~~characterised~~ characterized in that some first yarns (4) form a weave of weft courses combined with stitch courses.

2. (Currently Amended) A tube according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that it also has some second yarns (5) which also form a weave of stitch courses combined with weft courses.

3. (Currently Amended) A tube according to ~~claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the stitch course and the weft course of the first (4) and the second (5) yarns are combined in such a way that when the second yarns (5) make the stitches the first yarns (4) are inserted in the form of wefts and vice versa.

4. (Currently Amended) A tube ~~in accordance with any of the above claims~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that it includes some third yarns (6) that form a weave with the chain stitches.

5. (Currently Amended) A tube according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that said first yarns (4) are 0.22 mm diameter polyester monofilament.

6. (Currently Amended) A tube according to claim 2, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that said second yarns (5) are 0.20 mm diameter polyamide monofilament.

7. (Currently Amended) A tube according to claim 4, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that said first yarns (6) are 330 dtex polyester multifilament.